

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A powder of reversed vesicles comprising one or more non-ionic surfactants, whereby when the powder is dispersed in a biodegradable oil the percent yield of reversed vesicles is greater than when the same amount of reversed vesicles is prepared directly in the biodegradable oil.
2. (Previously presented) A powder according to claim 1, wherein the non-ionic surfactant is a derivative of a pentose or a hexose, or an oligomer thereof.
3. (Previously presented) A powder according to claim 2, wherein the derivative of the pentose, hexose, or oligomer thereof is a fatty acid ester.
4. (Previously presented) A powder according to claim 3, wherein the fatty acid ester of the pentose, hexose, or oligomer thereof consists of a mono-ester of at least 50 wt% of the surfactant.
5. (Previously presented) A powder according to claim 4, wherein the mono-ester is present in at least 70 wt% of the surfactant.
6. (Previously presented) A powder according to claim 1, wherein the non-ionic surfactant is a fatty acid ester of sucrose.
7. (Previously presented) A powder according to, claim 1, wherein the vesicles further contain a lipophilic stabilizing factor.
8. (Previously presented) A powder according to claim 1, wherein the vesicles encapsulate a bio-active compound.
9. (Currently amended) A process for the preparation of a powder comprising one or more non-ionic surfactants, which process comprises making a dispersion of reversed vesicles from one or more non-ionic surfactants and optionally both a lipophilic stabilising factor

and a bioactive agent in an apolar vehicle, wherein as the apolar vehicle a volatile compound is selected which is ~~and subsequently removed from the apolar vehicle by evaporation techniques.~~

- 10-11 (canceled)
12. (Currently amended) The process according to claim ~~11~~9, wherein the volatile compound is selected from the group consisting of silicone oils, isoparaffins and (C1-C4)alkyl alkanoates.
13. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 9, wherein a hydrophilic stabilizing factor in an amount of up to 15 wt% of the surfactant is added during the preparation of the dispersion of reversed vesicles.
14. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 13, wherein the hydrophilic stabilizing factor is added in an amount of between 5 and 10 wt% of the surfactant.
15. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 14, wherein the hydrophilic stabilizing factor is water.
16. (Previously presented) A composition comprising a powder according to any one of claims 1-8.
17. (Previously presented) A process for the preparation of a dispersion of reversed vesicles in a biodegradable oil, wherein the powder according to any one of claims 1-8 is dispersed in the biodegradable oil.
18. (Canceled)
19. (Currently amended) A process for the preparation of a dispersion of reversed vesicles in a biodegradable oil, wherein the product obtained from the process according to any one of claims 9 and 12-15 is dispersed in the biodegradable oil.
20. (Previously presented) A powder of reversed vesicles comprising one or more non-ionic surfactants produced by the process according to claim 9, whereby the reversed vesicles of the powder have the same vesicular structure as in the apolar vehicle in which they

were formed, and which powder of reversed vesicles can be dispersed in a polar vehicle or in the same apolar vehicle or different apolar vehicle.

21. (Previously presented) A powder according to claim 20, wherein the non-ionic surfactant is a derivative of a pentose or a hexose, or an oligomer thereof.
22. (Previously presented) A powder according to claim 21, wherein the derivative of the pentose, hexose, or oligomer thereof is a fatty acid ester.
23. (Previously presented) A powder according to claim 22, wherein the fatty acid ester of the pentose, hexose, or oligomer thereof consists of a mono-ester of at least 50 wt% of the surfactant.
24. (Previously presented) A powder according to claim 23, wherein the mono-ester is present in at least 70 wt% of the surfactant.
25. (Previously presented) A powder according to claim 20, wherein the non-ionic surfactant is a fatty acid ester of sucrose.
26. (Previously presented) A powder according to, claim 20, wherein the vesicles further contain a lipophilic stabilizing factor.
27. (Previously presented) A powder according to claim 20, wherein the vesicles encapsulate a bio-active compound.
28. (Previously presented) A powder of reversed vesicles comprising one or more non-ionic surfactants, whereby the reversed vesicles of the powder can be dispersed in a polar vehicle or in the same apolar vehicle or different apolar vehicle.
29. (Previously presented) A powder according to claim 28, wherein the non-ionic surfactant is a derivative of a pentose or a hexose, or an oligomer thereof.
30. (Previously presented) A powder according to claim 29, wherein the derivative of the pentose, hexose, or oligomer thereof is a fatty acid ester.
31. (Previously presented) A powder according to claim 30, wherein the fatty acid ester of the pentose, hexose, or oligomer thereof consists of a mono-ester of at least 50 wt% of the surfactant.

32. (Previously presented) A powder according to claim 31, wherein the mono-ester is present in at least 70 wt% of the surfactant.
33. (Previously presented) A powder according to claim 28, wherein the non-ionic surfactant is a fatty acid ester of sucrose.
34. (Previously presented) A powder according to, claim 28, wherein the vesicles further contain a lipophilic stabilizing factor.
35. (Previously presented) A powder according to claim 28, wherein the vesicles encapsulate a bio-active compound.
36. (Previously presented) A composition comprising the powder according to any one of claims 20-27.
37. (Previously presented) A composition comprising the powder according to any one of claims 28-35.